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19 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Additional Demonstrations Against the Presence of B-52 Aircraft at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, with Possible Effect on OXCART

REFERENCE: Memo from DD/S&T to DCI dated 5 March 1968;
Subject: Same As Above ([REDACTED])

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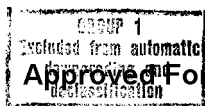
1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Reference advised that on 27 February 1968 a protest demonstration by Okinawans against the presence of B-52 aircraft at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, took place. Reference advised further that with the deployment of three SR-71 aircraft to Kadena further demonstrations were possible. We have just been informed by the OXCART Detachment at Kadena that demonstrations against the B-52 aircraft presence have continued. However, there has been no indication that such demonstrations are directed against the OXCART or SR-71 aircraft. The three SR-71 aircraft were deployed to Kadena on 8, 10 and 12 March 1968 and, as yet, have not received any publicity. The protest leaders have set up a booth in the middle of the village of Kadena, are campaigning with loud speakers and are soliciting signatures to buttress their campaign. They have also taken up a position in a tower above the Kadena Circle Fire House which overlooks our Detachment facilities and the Kadena Air Base flight line. From this vantage point, they are using binoculars and movie cameras to observe and photograph the flight line.
3. To date, no still photographs of the SR-71 aircraft or motion picture shots of same have appeared in the local news media. However, with the close surveillance of the B-52 aircraft activities at Kadena Air Base, it can be

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anticipated that publicity concerning the SR-71 as well as the OXCART aircraft will be forthcoming in the near future. We will keep you apprised should this occur.

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